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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING **Minutes** **Thursday, February 13, 2014**

Members

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Grossmont Hospital
Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Strom, Linda – Lakeside Community Planning Group
Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

Agency Representatives

Converse, Larry – San Miguel Fire District
Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Mattick, Richard – City of Santee Fire District
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Agency
Robeson, Bob – Lakeside Fire District

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Brewton, Linda
Cavanaugh, Adria
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Rickards, seconded by Kevin Howe to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2013 CSA-69 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. ELECTION OF CSA-69 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

A motion was made by Randy Voepel to nominate Warren Savage for CSA-69 Advisory Committee Chair and James Bingham as CSA-69 Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Kevin Howe. Motion carried.

V. BUDGET REPORT

A. Financial Report – Adria Cavanaugh

1. FY 2013-2014 Year-to-Date Revenue

a. <u>Revenue:</u>		
Resident transports	\$1,798,231	
Non-resident transports	<u>448,123</u>	
Total Ambulance Transports		\$2,246,354
Benefit Fee		1,391,749
Property tax		276,871
Interest & Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>10,049</u>
Total Revenue		\$3,925,023

b. Total Expenditures: **\$2,697,137**

c. Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT)
 CSA-69 has been approved to participate in the GEMT supplemental reimbursement program administered by the CA Department of Health Care Services. The program provides some reimbursement for Medi-Cal runs performed by CSA-69. This is estimated to be about \$150,000 - \$200,000 in revenue for CSA-69.

GEMT revenue annual budget recommendation for FY 2014/15: **\$150,000**

2. Budget Build FY 2014/15 – Adria Cavanaugh

a. <u>Revenue:</u>		
Ambulance Transports		
Residents		\$2,500,528
Non-Residents		625,923

Benefit Fee	2,400,000
Property Tax	451,365
GEMT	150,000
Interest on Deposits	<u>15,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$6,142,816

Resident and non-resident transports

Revenue from resident and non-resident transports has remained consistent with slight variance over the last three (3) years and will have a similar projection for FY 2014/15.

Benefit Fee

The ordinance that established the special benefit fee tax included an annual adjustment to the amount based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego area as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CPI is expected to be released February 20, 2014, but has historically increased within 1.6 to 3.03% over the past two (2) years.

Property tax revenue is recommended to stay the same for FY 2014/15.

GEMT

The program provides some reimbursement for Medi-cal runs performed by CSA-69 and is budgeted conservatively.

b. Expenditures:

Ambulance Services Contracts	
Lakeside Fire Protection District	\$2,961,971
Santee Fire Department	2,740,845
Wittman (Billing Contract)	225,000
CSA Administration	<u>215,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$6,142,816

c. Reserve and cash flow balance is increasing steadily as of July 2009 with the implementation of the increased transport fee.

d. Discussion on the Budget Build included, transport fees, benefit fees and what the process would be if the benefit fee need to be increased to cover the cash flow reserve.

B. Budget Subcommittee – Kevin Howe

Lakeside and Santee agencies presented their budgets for FY 2014/15. The Budget Subcommittee voted to approve the proposed budget and to move it forward to the Advisory Committee for final approval.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by James Bingham to accept the CSA-69 Budget Build as presented with the estimated CPI. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Administrative Report - Marcy Metz

1. The contract with Wittman Enterprises which is the billing company for CSA-69 expires in June. The contract will go out to bid next week.
2. Community Paramedicine (CP) pilot project proposals have been submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDPD). The proposals will go to licensing boards for review and comment followed by a 40-day public comment period and a public hearing. The two (2) CP projects submitted from San Diego County were from City of Carlsbad and City of San Diego. The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee will be the CP Advisory committee.
3. The following are upcoming community events supporting the County's cardiac, stroke and trauma programs.
 - a. This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System. The Trauma Research and Education Foundation and trauma centers will participate in the San Diego half marathon on March 9, 2014 by providing community education along the course.
 - b. The 3rd *Annual Strike out Stroke Day at the Padres* game is on May 10, 2014. Ticket and t-shirt bundle information will be sent out. The event provides community awareness and education on the signs and early warning systems of stroke, such as watching for the *Face, Arm, Slurred Speech and Time* (FAST) symptoms and to call 911 so the patient will have a better outcome.
 - c. The 3rd *Annual Sidewalk CPR Day* event is June 5, 2014 during CPR week, June 1-7, 2014. There will be stations set up throughout the County where individuals can receive compression only CPR training.

B. Medical Director's Report (Marcy Metz for Dr. Haynes)

1. The flu season is diminishing. Starting the second week in January, reports of the flu have gone down. The H1N1 pandemic flu from a number of years ago is now affecting middle age and younger people who would not normally get sick from the flu. Receiving a flu vaccination is still recommended.
2. Pertussis cases have increased. Pertussis causes persistent coughing and can also cause heart problems for children. It is important to keep up with the adult tdap vaccination especially those who are around children.
3. The Burn Surge Plan develops a process for allowing broad distribution of patients in the system in response to a large burn emergency that would exceed the capacity of

the burn center. As the burn center nears capacity, patients with smaller burns and/or inhalation injuries would go to one of the trauma centers, and would have children going to Rady Children's Hospital.

4. There have been drug shortages of saline solution in the field. EMS has authorized the use of smaller bags, or switching to another intravenous solution close to saline. There was discussion on the use and availability of Saline Locks.
5. PulsePoint Services implementation is an application that can be purchased for a smart phone by individuals who are registered to provide life assistance to victims of cardiac arrest. Individuals who register with the application and have indicated they are trained in CPR, are willing to assist in an emergency and be notified if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require CPR.

C. Agency Reports

1. Lakeside report - Jim Kirkpatrick
 - a. On February 14, 2014, the *Love your Heart* event partnered by Public Health and Public Safety will provide free blood pressure screenings. Lakeside is participating in the event and will be set up at the Lakeside Community Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to perform free blood pressure checks and screenings.
 - b. The remounted ambulance unit at Station 3 is back in service. Next year Lakeside will consider an ambulance purchase.
 - c. Zoll X monitors are in service and are used for 12-leads transmitted via WiFi.
 - d. Core measures have been collected and submitted to the County.
 - e. Two (2) fire fighter paramedics have been hired in Lakeside. Four (4) previous hires have passed their probationary period.
2. Santee report – Richard Mattick
 - a. Santee is hiring four (4) new employees that are in the process of going through background checks. The new hires will complete a 12-shift assessment as paramedics and a three (3) week in-house academy. Two (2) captains and three (3) engineers were promoted. Next year Santee will be replacing five (5) of their 12 Captains.
 - b. Santee re-chassis a CSA ambulance at Station 5.
 - c. Richard Mattick thanked Jim Kirkpatrick for submitting Santee and Lakeside Core measures to the County.

3. Discussion topics included:

- a. Re-chassis ambulance units versus purchasing new units.
- b. Instruction to teach CPR in the schools and in the community on a regular basis. Discussion ensued on compression only new method and individuals being comfortable with using breathing and compression method.

For the *Sidewalk CPR* event, information is sent out for agencies to sign up and set a location in their area to give compression only CPR training to bystanders. Those locations and times are published on the web site and through press releases to forward the message out to the community. Hands only CPR takes around five (5) minutes or less to demonstrate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Provide *Sidewalk CPR Day* event information for the CSA-69 members to share with their community.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by

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